GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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. RELEASE OF SHARE BY STATES UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has released grants in aid to the Zilla Panchayats for National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) directly;

(b) if so, the details of amount released during each of the last three years to each State:

(c) whether some States have not released their share for the scheme: and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) has come into force w.e.f. 2nd February 2006 and funds are directly released to the Districts from the Ministry of Rural Development under the Act. As per NREGA operational guidelines, funds are utilized in the district through a separate NREGA account. The State-wise funds released during 2005-06 and 2006-07 upto February 2007 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir, a few States have not released State Share. These States have been advised to release State Share immediately and the same should be reflected in their Utilization Certificate when they submit their proposal for the release of next instalment. As per the NREGA guidelines, if the conditionalities are not fully met by the implementing agency/ State, the Ministry will be within its right to stop the release of central funds and in such case responsibility for payment of unemployment allowance arising out of non availability of funds shall be on the State Government.